

OFFICE MEMO

STD. 100 (REV. 11-75)

DATE
5/31/89TO: JAN PALUMBO
US EPA

ROOM NUMBER

FROM: ALAN SORSHER
DHS - TSCDPHONE NUMBER
818-567-3119

SUBJECT: WHITTAKER-BERMITE

JAN -

SUBJECT COMPANY HAS
NOTIFIED WATER SUPPLIERS
THAT THEY DETECTED TCE
IN THEIR GWM Well
(5-7 ppm.)

5/25/89
MAY 30 1989



Wenck Associates, Inc.

May 25, 1989

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**General Manager
Santa Clarita Water Company
22722 Soledad Canyon Road
Saugus, CA 91350**

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If I may answer any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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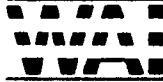
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Regional Administrator
ATTN: Jeff Scott
U.S. EPA Region IX
215 Fremont Street
San Francisco, CA 94105

Re: EPA #CAD 064573108
Bermite Division, Saugus, California

Dear Mr. Scott:

Notification of the detection of certain organic compounds in one of the RCRA monitoring wells at the referenced site was made to you by our letter dated May 24, 1989.


We have prepared the enclosed Specific Plan for a Groundwater Quality Assessment Program as required by 40 CFR 265.93(d)(2). We intend to begin this work on June 19, 1989.

We have also prepared and enclosed an Interim Response Action Plan to remediate the soil and groundwater at the 317 Area. The plan complies with the requirements of the approved Closure Plan. The groundwater remediation activities are underway and the soil remediation is scheduled to start in late June.

We appreciate the cooperation of the EPA and DHS in these matters and are available to answer any questions that you may have.

Respectfully submitted,

WENCK ASSOCIATES, INC.



Norman C. Wenck, P.E.

cc: Gordon Louttit, Whittaker
Alan Sorsher, DHS
Jim Ross, RWQCB

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